



MOUNTAIN SPRINGS CITIZENS ADVISORY COUNCIL

MEETING MINUTES

Date: Wednesday, January 14, 2015
Time: 6:30 p.m.
Location: Mountain Springs Fire Station, State Hwy 160, Mountain Springs, NV 89161

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CALL TO ORDER

- A. This meeting, being legally noticed and posted in conformance with Nevada in conformance with Nevada Open Meeting Law, was called to order at approximately 6:39 p.m. by Berg.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

- A. The pledge of allegiance was recited.

ROLL CALL

Board Members:

David Berg (acting Chair)
Tanya Harrah
Bruce Jones
Carol Hignite, Secretary

Posting Locations:

Mountain Springs Fire Station, SR 160, Mtn. Springs, NV
Mountain Springs Fire Station Mail Cluster
Mountain Springs Saloon, 19050 SR 160, Mtn. Springs, NV
Pinon Street Mail Cluster

PROCEDURES & CONDUCT

1. This meeting has been properly noticed and posted in conformance with the Nevada Open Meeting Law.
2. Please turn off or mute cell phones, pagers and other electronic devices.
3. Please take all private and other conversations not related to the agenda outside.

REGULAR BUSINESS

1. The January 14, 2015 agenda was unanimously approved as written; Motion by Berg.
2. Motion to elect Berg as Chair person for the new term by Harrah; motion was passed unanimously.
3. Motion to elect Harrah as Vice-Chair person for the new term by Berg; motion was passed unanimously.
4. The December 10, 2014 minutes were unanimously approved as written; Motion by Harrah.

PUBLIC COMMENT

This is a period devoted to comment by the general public about items on this agenda. If you wish to speak to the Board about items within its jurisdiction but not appearing on this agenda, you must wait until the "Public Comments" period listed at the end of this agenda. Comments will be limited to three minutes. Please step to the front of the room to address the Council, clearly state your name and address and please spell your last name for the record. If any member of the Council wishes to extend the length of a presentation, this will be done by the Chair or the Council by majority vote.

PLANNING AND ZONING

None

DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Review 2015 schedule of CAC meetings including dates and times (for possible action) November 2015 meeting is in conflict with Veteran's Day, so this month's meeting will be decided closer to November. Meeting time to be kept at 6:30 p.m. and schedule approved as written. **APPROVED 3-0**
2. Review current by-laws for adoption at February meeting. Official signatures from board members will be submitted at next town board meeting. **ITEM TABELED 3-0**
3. JJ Smith, Restoration Project Manager at BLM gave an update on the restoration of Rainbow Springs, regarding the Spring Mountain Springsnail. The Spring Mountain Springsnail is about 1.0 mm in size. This rare native species is under concern due to invasive species and non native species that have been brought into the areas, either by humans, animals or wind-borne. They "de-thatched" vegetation with weed whackers, treated weedy spots with aquatic-friendly herbicide, and planted native plants, including some native tree saplings. Small pools were created in the stream channel in an attempt to recreate habitat conditions favorable to the Springsnail. A stream gage was placed at the site so that they could monitor hydrologic response to the vegetation changes. After seeing an increase in elk activity, they replaced plastic tree protectors with wire cage protectors (Fall 2014). In December 2014 at least one off-road vehicle drove into the site and severely damaged the stream channel and plantings. In response to this damage, BLM installed equestrian/hiker friendly barriers at both main entrance points to the spring system, and at the BLM-FS boundary near Mountain Springs. This action was vetted and approved during the Rainbow Mountain Wilderness Plan last year. In addition to monitoring, they will be beefing up the barriers (they have already had a dirt bike tearing down the fence to get to the site), increasing law enforcement patrols, and restoring the network of illegal "play roads" around the Spring to discourage off-road driving.

COMMUNITY CONCERNS

1. Discuss any updates to the SR160 road widening project. No updates at this time.

CORRESPONDENCE

None

AGENCY & STAFF REPORTS

1. Metro Update- Metro not present

2. Meggan Holzer, Rural Towns Liaison
It is not possible to place trash cans or a dumpster at the mailbox cluster area near the fire station. This area is under NDOT right of way and there would be liabilities involved. The issue of the barricade on Rosary Road is still pending discussion with Metro.
3. Other- No other representatives present

PUBLIC COMMENT

No action may be taken upon a matter raised under this item of the agenda until the matter itself has been specifically included on an agenda.

Resident and volunteer fire chief Appy brought up the subject of Republic Services; indicating that they placed their dumpsters on the water tank's line in error. This affects the fire station and he was adamant that all issues affecting the fire station go through him first. Republic Services is aware of this situation.

Harrah mentioned a letter that she received back in October 2014, from Valley Electric charging a 5% gross license fee on all utility bills effective 1/1/2015.

NEXT MEETING

Wednesday, February 11, 2015 at 6:30 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p.m.